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In re Application of: Tyler E. PEASE
Serial No.: 09/649,692
Filing Date: 08/28/00
For: AN INSULATED PANEL FOR COMMERCIAL OR
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND METHOD FOR
ITS MANUFACTURE
Examiner: Y. Horton
Group Art Unit No.: 3635
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits a copy of missing page 12 in reply.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Regarding Claim 1, Ford does not disclose a foam sheet having first and second opposing edges generally parallel to the first and second grooves and first and second reinforcing strips disposed inwardly away from the first and second edges.

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Ford provides reinforcing strips on both sides of each panel extending outward from the panel to engage slots in adjacent panels. The panels disclosed in the present invention provide reinforcing strips that are disposed inwardly away from the edges of the foam panels. For example, in FIGURE 1 the strips are spaced inwardly away from the edges by one foot, and in FIGURE 8 the strips are spaced inwardly away from the edges by eight inches.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Ford. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of the claims.

Check over claim 11
Regarding Claim 11, Ford does not suggest or disclose a reinforcing strip wherein the reinforcing strip having a surface finish including at least a mechanically textured top surface, a plurality of spaced apart holes or a plurality of spaced apart slots configured to engage mechanical fasteners.

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In paragraph 7 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Ford. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of the claims.

Claim 6 has been amended to be dependent from any of Claims, 3, 4, or 5, which were indicated as allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3-5 have been rewritten in independent form, and therefore Claim 6 and Claims 7-8 as dependent thereon are allowable.

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Ford. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of the claims.

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If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the foregoing, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (414) 276-0977.

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